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SUBJ: CUBAN ACTIVITIES -- DOMINICA, ST. VINCENT, ST. KITTS

REF: BRIDGETOWN A-079 (ITEM 13)

1. ST. VINCENT--A BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS THAT ST. VINCENT PREMIER MILTON CATO TOLD HIM RECENTLY OF A CUBAN GOVT OFFER TO SUPPLY HIS ISLAND GOVT WITH TEACHERS AND HEALTH WORKERS. CATO CONFESSED TO OUR SOURCE THAT HE WAS PERFECTLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF ACCEPTING CUBAN "ASSISTANCE" BUT POLITICALLY IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO REFUSE.

2. ST. KITTS--REPORTEDLY THE PERSON ACCOMPANYING DR. OSWALDO CARDENAS ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO DOMINICA AND ST. KITTS - NEVIS (REFAIR) WAS A FNU "MONTERO." ACCORDING TO THE ST. KITTS POLICE, CARDENAS AND MONTERO WERE CONTACTED BY ONLY TWO INDIVIDUALS IN ST. KITTS, BOTH CUBANS ALTHOUGH ONE HAD CHILEAN CITIZENSHIP. (NOTE: AS INFO COMES FROM ST. KITTS AUTHORITIES, IT MAY BE INCOMPLETE WITH REGARD TO CUBAN CONTACTS WITH ST. KITTS GOVT OFFICIALS.)

3. DOMINICA--DURING A NOVEMBER 27 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, DCM AND AN ADDITIONAL EMBASSY OFFICER, DOMINICA PERMIER PATRICK JOHN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE CUBAN EFFORTS TO USE DOMINICAN WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ABROAD TO SUBVERT THE GOVT OF DOMINICA. PERMIER JOHN MADE A LOW KEY PITCH FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN COUNTERACTING THE CUBAN ACTIVITIES.

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4. COMMENT: REGARDING DOMINICA, WE'RE ENCOURAGED THAT THE

MODERATES THERE ARE MAKING MOVES TO BESTIR THEMSELVES AND
PATRICK JOHN APPEARS TO BE DISTANCING HIMSELF SOMEWHAT
FROM RADICAL ACTIVIST ROOSEVELT ("ROSIE") DOUGLAS. AS FOR
ST. VINCENT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TOLD THE DCM AFTER CARDENAS'
VISIT TO DOMINICA THAT CARDENAS AND HIS ILK WOULD BE DENIED
ENTRANCE IF THEY CAME TO ST. VINCENT. THEREFORE, IF PREMIER
CATO IS TELLING THE TRUTH, THE CUBANS ARE USING CONTACTS
OTHER THEN OVERT CUBAN DELEGATIONS. END COMMENT
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